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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: IWC MEETING MATTERS

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1. AGATT DELIVERED THIS AM COPIES OF US DELEGATE SPEECH
(REFTEL (A)) TO MFT (DINISOV, CHIEF, DIVISION OF INTER-
NATIONAL COMMODITY AGREEMENTS) AND EXPORTKHLEB (BANNIKOV),
DELEGATION HAD ALREADY DEPARTED, BUT ANTICIPATE THAT EITHER
ONE OR THE OTHER AGENCY WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH SOVIET DELEGA-
TION IF THE SPEECH CONTAINS ANY SURPRISES FOR THEM, WHICH WE
DOUBT.

2. IT WAS UNFORTUNATE THAT AGATT WAS NOT IN MOSCOW LAST
WEEK TO DELIVER THE SPEECH TO POLEZHAYEV PERSONALLY AND SOUND
HIM OUT ON SOVIET VIEWS ON AN AMENDED IWA OF SCOPE OUTLINED IN
SPEECH. WHEN AGATT RECENTLY DISCUSSED SOVIET POSITION
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ON GENEVA COTTON UNCTAD MEETING, HE INTENTIONALLY
AVOIDED SUBJECT OF IWA BECAUSE HE HAD NO INSTRUCTION.
POLEZHAYEV, HOWEVER, INDICATED KNOWLEDGE OF SECRETARY
BERGLAND'S OTTAWA MEETING AND THE RECENT DISCUSSIONS
WITH OTHER GRAIN EXPORTING COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES.

3. FYI, SOVIETS IN PAST HAVE TAKEN NEGATIVE ATTITUDE

TOWARD MULTILATERAL COMMODITY AGREEMENTS (MCA) WITH STRONG PRICE STABILIZATION PROVISIONS. LAST DECEMBER, FOR EXAMPLE, PERSHIN, PRESIDENT OF EXPORTKHLEB, SPECIFICALLY ADVISED AGATT THAT POLEZHAYEV, WHEN HE ASSUMED CHAIRMANSHIP OF IWA, COULD BE EXPECTED TO SUPPORT THE STATUS QUO, I.E., A WEAK AGREEMENT. WE DOUBT THAT SOVIET POSITION HAS CHANGED SINCE THEN, NOTWITHSTANDING THE FACT THAT POLEZHAYEV INDICATED THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD MAKE FAVORABLE SOUNDING NOISES ABOUT COTTON MCA. END FYI

4. AGATT CONFIRMED TODAY WITH EXPORTKHLEB THAT THEIR REPORT LAST WEEK ON QUALITY (CONDITION) OF WHEAT AND CORN OFFLOADINGS IN MAY (REFTEL B) IS THE START OF REGULAR MONTHLY REPORTS ON THIS SUBJECT IN FUTURE. WE DO NOT, REPAT DO NOT, ANTICIPATE THAT THIS SUBJECT WILL BE RAISED BY SOVIETS IN LONDON. EXPORTKHLEB OFFICIAL ALSO VOLUNTEERED STATEMENT THAT THEY CONTINUE TO BE GENERALLY PLEASED WITH CONDITION OF GRAIN SHIPPED UNDER FIRST YEAR OF AGREEMENT.
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